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CONTROL MODULE

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DE 103 07 756 discloses the method for adjusting the settings of a household appliance, whereby a user selects a program and operating parameters via an operating element (3). Certain information of relevance to the user is output to a display (2) during programming, program execution and after the program has completed. An Independent claim is made for an operating device for setting program and display parameters for a household appliance.

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